

## **KEMNAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday 29th September 2016 7.30pm, Kemnay Village Hall**

**Present:** Hazel Smith (Chair), Irene Ferguson (Secretary), Janet Newberry (Treasure) p/t, Bill Blackwood (Vice Chair), David Evans, Margaret Basley, Robert Ingram, Sue Wainman, Gaenor Berkin, Kate Rigby (p/t), John Whittall, Alex Rayne, Fran Patrick, Sasha Brydon, Cllr Sheena Lonchay (p/t)

**Apologies:** Vailla Spencer; Gavin Adam

**Attending:** Paul Hendy (SFF), Jon Millar (Police Scotland) and 2 members of the public

#### **1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed those attending and gave apologies on behalf of Vailla. David announced that Gavin may not attend.

#### **2 MINUTES OF MEETING 30TH JUNE 2016**

Minutes as previously circulated, were reviewed, checked for accuracy and proposed for acceptance by Margaret and seconded by Sue.

#### **3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a) **Flood Mitigation;** Response to KCC correspondence to Aberdeenshire Council requesting a Flood Risk Assessment for Kemnay is overdue and it was decided that an e-mail would be sent to the Chief Executive to expedite a response. Scottish Water have commenced investigations and are now in discussions with Flood Groups and KCC. Dye Tests and Camera Surveys are planned for relevant drainage systems and further meetings are being arranged. It was decided that, if need be, KCC will reimburse any payment needed for copies of Scottish Water drainage maps for the Village.
- b) **Path Development in Kemnay;** Sue reported that the riverside path on Bremner Way is still not fixed and discussions continue on the type of surface to be laid. The issue of drains was not discussed.
- c) **Pink Dog Poo Paint** - Sue reported that it has been observed that the issue of dog fouling appears to have improved recently and no further enquiries have been made regarding the paint product due to pricing issues.

#### **4 POLICE MATTERS**

Monthly Police Reports are now being received and it is understood that, following recent correspondence and discussions with the Police, attendance at KCC meetings is to continue where possible within operational demands. Police Inspector Jon Millar discussed the September report. The recent spate of car crimes is thought to involve people travelling out from the city and trying doors for car keys and this has been happening across the North East. People have been advised to lock doors and garages. All other issues as reported in the media are being or have been addressed.

a) Police Report (July) - Result of electronic speed sign deployed at Alehousewells School Margaret commented on the results of the speed survey recorded at the 20 mph zone. The average speed was recorded at 24 mph and it was explained in some detail how this works and that the data is correct. The responsibility and process for other speed signs was explained and Bob took an action to feed this information back to the Safety Forum. If

residents think there is a genuine speed problem they should request a survey from Aberdeenshire Council.

Parking on pavements was discussed as was SORN vehicles parked on roads. Other road traffic safety issues were discussed and noted. The former Police officer for Kemnay has not yet been replaced, however, training for new PCs has been established to assist Kemnay and the whole of Garioch with issues such as ASBOs, road traffic work within villages and inquisitive crimes. It was also stated that training is now required for PCs using bikes.

## **5 KEMNAY ACADEMY PUPIL REPORT**

The Pupil Council has been reformed and the new Chair was introduced as Joe Reid, who thanked Sasha for his contributions to date. It was reported that litter continues to be a problem and it was suggested by KCC that a litter pick be organised and publicised. The school is trying to involve the community more and Coffee mornings at the new school seating area can be arranged. KCC asked if school amenities will be open to the Public. Joe explained the current idea of prefects and the music group socialising and perhaps providing music performances around local establishments such as care homes. It was reported that a path at Bremner Way has been blocked by residents who complain about use by pupils. The issue of residents taking photos of students using this path is to be looked into by Cllr Lonchay. A Twitter page is now set up with Robert Lamb and Louisa Dunn being the new head pupils. KCC gave some information regarding the Atlantic Conservation Schools network.

## **6 PAUL HENDY, THE SCOTTISH FLOOD FORUM (SFF)**

An update on SFF activities and general advice on flood mitigation was given by Paul. It was explained that flood victims in Kemnay are still struggling with the traumatic effects of the January flooding, with many issues being reported and recognised as having serious impacts on health. The anniversary of the event is coming up and the community need to be aware that this is still quite a distressing time for residents. SFF will be conducting a health questionnaire in the near future. SFF continue working to help both areas in Kemnay affected by flooding and with property surveys continuing. Paul expressed gratitude for the support of volunteers from both flood group representatives in Kemnay.

## **7 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

No comments were made.

## **8 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS**

8 Planning Applications Submitted from 28/06/2016 – 26/09/2016:

**APP/2016/1851** Erection of Dwellinghouse (Change of House Type from Previously Approved Application APP/2015/0702) at Plot 2, Brownhill Croft, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Thu 28 Jul 2016

**APP/2016/1941** Extension to Caravan Park to Accommodate the Erection of 18 Holiday Lodges at Benview Caravan Park, Craigmyle, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Thu 11 Aug 2016. The application is still being considered by Aberdeenshire Council.

**APP/2016/1925** Alterations & Extension to Dwellinghouse at Netherton Farm, Fetternear, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Wed 03 Aug 2016

**APP/2016/1956** Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse and Alterations to Driveway at Luachmhor, St Brydes Road, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Wed 10 Aug 2016

**APPROVED**

**APP/2016/2292** Demolish Existing Steading and Erection of 3 No. three bed Houses (full permission) at West Aquhorthies Steading Fetternear, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Thu 22 Sep 2016.

**APP/2016/2343** Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse to form Sun Room - Waulkmill Croft, Pitcaple, Inverurie. Expiry date for public comment Tue 20 Sep 2016

**APP/2016/2432** Formation of Path Link - Site To The East Of Dalmadilly, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Thu 29 Sep 2016. Application supported by KCC 05 September 2016.

**APP/2016/2689** Demolition of Two Holiday Chalets and Erection of 2 no. Dwellinghouses (permission in principle) at Boatleys Farm, Kemnay. Expiry date for public comment Thu 27 Oct 2016. KCC agreed to make comment on the grounds of Policy.

## 9 TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer circulated the accounts prior to the meeting.

a) An approach from one group in the community has been made with an enquiry as to whether KCC can hold any potential funds on their behalf. It was decided that the group need to provide more detailed information before an informed CC decision can be made.

## 10 REPORTS

- a) **PADS Report;** The Defibrillator Group is currently in the process of having Defibrillator units fitted at the Village Hall, Bogbeth Park Pavilion and Fyffe Park Care Clinic. Cumming Fire and Security Ltd will supply work with relevant certification. British Heart Foundation has supplied and part funded three defibrillators. Heartfelt thanks was expressed to Graham Watson and Sandy Elrick in raising a further £1100. Many thanks to the businesses who have been so generous with sponsorship and to all the Kemnay folks who have been generously donating into the various collection boxes in the village shops and pharmacist.
- b) **GACCF;** A report including the following items was previously circulated: Asset Mapping of the Area is taking place and a draft Kemnay Network Profile has been compiled. 'Bounce Back', is a new project in Primary Schools, which aims to improve resilience in children. There have been complaints about the amount of litter dropped around Kemnay - the Community Waste Officer has been contacted as well as Kemnay Community Council. New bins are to be placed in areas where the problem is at its worst and community litter pick-ups with the pupils being arranged as well as engagement with the John Muir Trust. Community groups can apply to The Garioch Partnership for funding under the Community Initiative Grant scheme. Stagecoach will start looking at the plans for the new Park & Choose in October. An overhaul of routes and timetabling will start in January. Sue attended the meeting of Kemnay Local Learning Community Partnership which involves Kemnay Academy and its feeder Primary Schools with the supporting staff from NHS, Library and Career services.
- c) **Community Planning;** A presentation on Syrian Refugees has been circulated and the Inverurie Project is coming to an end. Birley Bush project is now being further discussed by AC. Sue is to chase the issue of litterbins.
- d) **Safety Report;** The Emergency Tax Disc Project is slowly progressing. The Donside Defibrillator Group intend to provide a training group. Two Community Wardens will be employed to help to reduce anti-social behaviour. They will be based in the Buchan area but will be available to help with issues across Aberdeenshire.
- e) **Community Resilience Plan;** A report was issued prior to the meeting. AC are considering training for Manual Handling and First Aid for volunteers. Meetings of the sub-group were suspended for the second time due to summer recess and pending further clarification from AC regarding Insurance matters, however documentation and KCC discussions continue. Cllr Lonchay advised KCC to speak to the AC Legal Department for confirmation of the status of insurance issues. Cllr Lonchay also advised that a snow warden scheme is to be proposed.
- f) **Training;** Fran reported positively on the recent AC Training course for CCs as attended with Sue and Irene. A slide presentation of the course was circulated prior to the meeting.

Key aspects of CCs were covered, including Members declaring interests, a Financial report at every Meeting and the Constitution to be covered at the AGM. The Chair stated that a declaration of interests should now be included at beginning of each meeting. E-learning packages are available for CCs.

- g) **Kemnay Futures;** The Chair questioned the progress of Kemnay Futures as a walkabout in Kemnay, which could identify village issues, was to be arranged with the Chair. Sue advised that a plan should be issued shortly.
- h) **Greener Kemnay** - Application for Dalmadilly path is anticipated to go through next month. The Birley Bush project has been rejected by the AC Estates Department (see also item 10c above).
- i) **Press Reports;** 5th July - KPFG Petition to AC; 9th July - Application for new railway station at Kintore; 12th July - Pylon Protestors; 14 July - M Rumbles MSP, Flooding; 16 July - MSP joins Pylons March towards Bennachie; 23 Jul - Fundraising Darts Event at Kemnay Bowling Club raises £15,500 26 Jul - Tim Muhibah Anglung Group orchestra from Indonesia performance in Kemnay; 7th Sept - Kemnay cancer survivor raises £21,000+ for charity; 7th Sept - Performance of Mungo Park in Kemnay Village Hall; 14th Sept; Holyrood talks on Pylons Proposals; **4th** (not 5th) November - Kemnay Fireworks Display

## 11 ABERDEENSHIRE NEWS

The Winter Maintenance Paper with a proposed snow warden scheme and AC gritting arrangements before 8 am had caused some concern. The Care charges threshold has been changed with people having £26,000+ being charged more. The Policy and Resources Parent Committee will be disbanded and is to be more autonomous with responsibility for monitoring spend. Anyone with queries regarding Applications for the travellers site can directly contact Cllr Lonchay to ensure anonymity. A reception for Syrian refugees was held and help was acknowledged by the refugees as being really appreciated and the welcome extended was noted as being far better than experienced in other countries.

## 12 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Correspondence from the Council;** has been circulated prior to the meeting
- b) **General Correspondence Received:**
  - **Dead Rodents reported in Kemnay** - anyone observing these should contact Aberdeenshire Council Environmental Health Department
  - **Place of Origin** - footpaths were reported as being very littered. These had previously been cleared by voluntary organisations and it was suggested that a litter pick day is needed. Hosting of a 'Friends of Place of Origin' day was suggested to raise awareness of the issue and a meeting on this subject could be supported.

## 13 OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK

- Bob proposed that people could be trained in defibrillator use under the Community Resilience Plan
- Hazel advised that she will be unable to attend the next two meetings and that Bill will be Acting Chair.

**Date of the next meeting:** Thursday 27th October 2016

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